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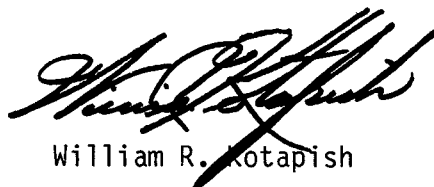
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: National Intelligence Officer for Warning

FROM: William R. Kotapish
National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics

SUBJECT: Report on 19 November 1987 NIO/Narcotics Warning and
Forecast Meeting

Representatives of the Intelligence Community and appropriate law enforcement representatives met on 19 November 1987 for CIA briefings from the International Narcotics Division on its work on the drug trafficking infrastructure in the northern states of Mexico and from Directorate of Intelligence representatives on the current counternarcotics operations in the Upper Huallaga Valley in Peru.


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National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics
Intelligence Coordination and Strategy Meeting

19 November 1987

NIO/Narcotics Report

1. Mr. Kotapish discussed the activities of the National Drug Policy Board's lead agencies and their corresponding standing committees. He noted that as the strategy reports begin to be implemented, intelligence demands on the Intelligence Community are likely to increase. The time for a Community stocktaking is at hand with the matter of resources being a priority issue. He invited all representatives to feel free to broach their budget concerns and priority considerations with the NIO/Narcotics office.

2. Mr. Kotapish talked about the offsite conference which will be held 14-15 January 1988 for members of the narcotics intelligence community. Broadly speaking, the conference will focus on intelligence support for 1) international programs, 2) investigations/prosecutions, and 3) interdiction. The NIO also referred to the recent DO conference [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Most participants at that conference agreed that the narcotics target in South Asia was getting more difficult; that there is a bumper crop of opium in the theater; and that the impact of heroin trafficking on Europe was serious. In addition, the diversion of licit opium grown in India into the illicit market is cause for serious concern.

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Drug Trafficking Infrastructure in Northern Mexico

3. [REDACTED] from the International Narcotics Division gave a briefing on the work done to date by the Trafficking Analysis Branch in charting narcotics trafficking in the northern states of Mexico including airstrips, harbors, roads, trails, etc.

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Operation Condor VI----Counternarcotics Operations in Peru

4. Representatives of the Directorate of Intelligence participated in a discussion of current Peruvian counternarcotics operations in the Upper Huallaga Valley. Most participants agreed that the operations have run into a lot of bureaucratic "snafus" and that the traffickers have either come to terms with Peruvian enforcement officials in the area or have been simply bypassing them. As the effort has faltered, there has been a falling out between the Interior Ministry and Peruvian military. Interior has lost out; the police have moved out of zones of operation; and the operation is now turning into an anti-guerrilla operation, i.e., against the Sendero Luminoso (SL) forces. There has been very little eradication carried out and the traffickers have asked the police to cooperate with them in fighting the SL. There are more indications of Colombian involvement in narcotics activity in the Valley as well as evidence which points to the possible presence of cocaine laboratories in the area.

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Community Reports

5. The DIA representative mentioned that [redacted] information which led to two seizures of cocaine over the past weeks----amounting to some 8000 lbs: the largest containerized seizure ever in Florida. NOTE: Feedback from consumers is essential in order [redacted] to be time sensitive and responsive to the intelligence needs of the law enforcement community.

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The US Coast Guard representative said that their service is no longer able to board Honduran ships without a written request.

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